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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 11 and 16-20 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (amended) A compound 8 to 50 nucleobases in length targeted to a 5'-untranslated region, a start codon region, nucleobases 161 through 170, nucleobases 201 through 220, nucleobases 311 through 328, nucleobases 351 through 370, nucleobases 446 through 465, nucleobases 641 through 660, nucleobases 711 through 730, nucleobases 771 through 790, nucleobases 799 through 818, nucleobases 1041 through 1060, nucleobases 1061 through 1080, nucleobases 1411 through 1430, or nucleobases 1571 through 1590 of a coding region, a stop codon region, or a 3'-untranslated region of a nucleic acid molecule encoding human cholesteryl ester transfer protein (SEQ ID NO: 3), wherein said compound specifically hybridizes with one of said regions and inhibits the expression of human cholesteryl ester transfer protein.

15. (amended) A method of inhibiting the expression of human cholesteryl ester transfer protein in cells or tissues comprising contacting said cells or tissues in vitro with the compound of